

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 10, lines 13-24, please amend the specification to read as follows:

AH For the illustrated safety device, by forward directed thumb or finger stroke upon a proximally projecting shaft 130, pushrod 128, which is slidably operable within a pushrod channel slides forward. The pushrod 128 is positioned parallel to and radially removed from the primary syringe barrel plunger 44. As the pushrod slides forward, the elongated shield 148 is pushed from a housing 66 mounted at the base of the hypodermic needle and syringe apparatus 42 and rotated longitudinally from an inverted position. The elongated shield 148 is thus advanced to the distal end of the syringe apparatus 42 against resistance from a rubber band 64 or integral expansion spring, not shown. In one embodiment, for example, as shown in Fig. 4, the rubber band is mounted on a peg 80 projecting from a portion of the housing 66, extends through an aperture in the housing and connects to the shield 148. As the shield is pushed from the housing and rotates longitudinally from its inverted position, the distal portion of the shield 148 surmounts the tip of the needle 54 and the needle 54 enters the shield 148 laterally through an opening in the shield face 154. The operator then releases thumb or finger pressure upon the pushrod 128 and the enclosed forward end of the shield 148 is pulled rearward by the rubber band 64 or integral expansion spring to surround and safely contain the needle 54 tip.

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1, 16 and 34 have been amended for clarification purposes and for purposes of correcting typographical errors. Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Support for the amendment to claims 1, 16 and 34 is found throughout the Specification, as filed, and no new matter is presented by the amendment.

Favorable reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks which follow s respectfully requested.

1. Drawings